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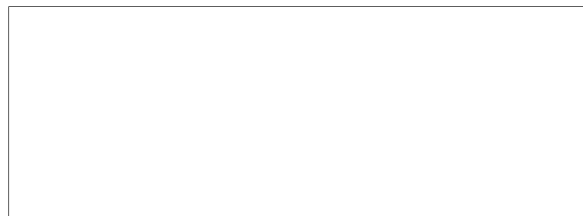
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1. The confidential cable outlining details of Undersecretary Olmer's discussions with Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Sushkov in Moscow last week essentially confirms information given to the press and included in the package I sent you Friday. Both sides agreed to a list of agenda items to be discussed prior to or during a possible meeting of the US-USSR Joint Commercial Commission, and said they would study the prospects for holding such a meeting.

2. Olmer thought the Soviets were positive both about the prospects for expanding non-strategic trade and holding a JCC meeting. Because of Trade Minister Patolichev's health problems, Secretary Baldrige would have to travel to Moscow to hold a JCC session.

3. As you can see from the attached article, the read-out of the Japan-Soviet Joint Economic Committee meeting held in December confirms our analysis that any upturn in trade between the two countries will take place slowly.

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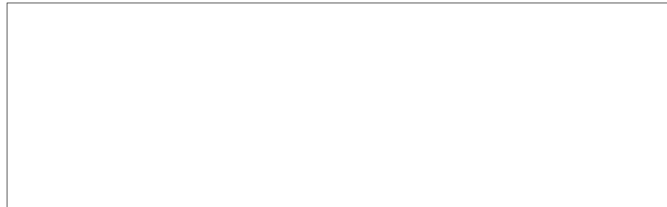
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1. I thought you would be interested in some background on Lionel Olmer's trip to the Soviet Union. As you can see from NSDD 155, the SIG-IEP took a close look at his proposed agenda and sought assurances that the discussions would be kept within narrow bounds.

2. We only have press guidance on the results of the meetings at this time. Olmer told correspondents that a future ministerial meeting was "possible." By Monday noon, we should have a better reading on the substance of the discussions. I will forward a summary of these results prior to your afternoon meeting with Olmer.

3. Several other major countries plan trade missions to the USSR in the near future. The Japanese, for example, recently held talks on possible trade expansion. An analysis of projects underway, however, indicates that any upturn in Japan-USSR trade relations will be extremely limited.

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